

b.) Amendments to the claims:

I claim:

1 (previously presented): A nursery tray having thicker and thinner defined zones formed from a sheet of polymer material, each of said thicker zones having an upper surface, said nursery tray having at least two rows of aligned, spaced apart indexing apertures extending through the upper surfaces of selected thicker zones of the sheet, and a plurality of rows of spaced apart open top cells located between said rows of indexing apertures, said cells being adapted to be filled via the open tops with growing medium for plant propagation, the open tops of said cells being substantially coplanar with the upper surface of each of said thicker zones through which said indexing apertures extend.

2 (original): A nursery tray according to claim 1 wherein a plurality of said cells are located outwardly of the rows of indexing apertures.

3 (previously presented): A nursery tray according to claim 1 including stiffening ribs between at least some of said cells, said stiffening ribs extending laterally relative to the rows of indexing apertures.

4 (previously presented): A nursery tray according to claim 3 including bridging material between said cells, said stiffening ribs comprising upwardly open grooves located in the bridging material without communicating with said cells.

5 (previously presented): A nursery tray according to claim 1 having peripheral flanges at opposite edges, a first row of said indexing apertures being formed in a first section of one of said flanges and a second row of said

indexing apertures being formed in a first section of another of said flanges, each of said flanges having a stiffening second section depending from said first section.

6 (previously presented): A nursery tray according to claim 1 wherein said cells are vacuum formed and are in said thinner zones of said nursery tray.

Claims 7-12 (canceled).

13 (previously presented): A nursery tray according to claim 1 including bridging material between said cells, said bridging material extending in spaced straight lines intersecting each other substantially at right angles, and stiffening ribs formed between at least some of said cells with each said stiffening rib extending laterally across said nursery tray from one said row of indexing apertures to a second said row of indexing apertures.

14 (previously presented): A nursery tray according to claim 13 wherein each said stiffening rib is an upwardly open groove located in the bridging material without communicating with said cells.

15 (currently amended): A nursery tray according to claim 13 wherein laterally extending flanges formed by [[a]] two of said thicker zones are provided at opposite sides of said nursery tray, a said row of indexing apertures being formed in each said laterally extending flange.

16 (previously presented): A nursery tray having thicker and thinner defined zones formed from a sheet of polymer material, each of said thicker zones having an upper surface, said nursery tray having at least two rows of aligned, spaced apart indexing apertures formed in thicker zones of said sheet, and a plurality of rows of spaced apart open top cells located between

said rows of indexing apertures, said cells being adapted to be filled via the open tops with growing medium for plant propagation, said nursery tray further having flanges at two opposite edges, each said flange having a first flange section extending laterally of the nursery tray and being a said thicker zone with a said row of indexing apertures passing therethrough and a stiffening second flange section depending downwardly from a said first flange section, the rows of indexing apertures in said first flange sections being substantially coplanar, said nursery tray including bridging material between said cells extending in spaced straight lines intersecting each other substantially at right angles, and stiffening ribs formed in the bridging material between at least some of said cells with each said stiffening rib extending laterally across said nursery tray substantially from one said first flange section to the other said first flange section, each said stiffening rib having an upwardly open groove located in the bridging material without communicating with said cells.

17 and 18 (canceled):

19 (currently amended): A nursery tray having thicker and thinner defined zones formed from a sheet of polymer material, said thicker zones having substantially coplanar upper surfaces, a flange at opposite edges of said nursery tray, each said flange having a laterally extending first section formed by one of said thicker zones and a stiffening second section depending from said first section, a plurality of rows of spaced apart open top cells located between said first sections of said flanges, said cells being adapted to be filled with a growing medium for plant propagation, the open

tops of said cells and the upper surfaces of said thicker zones being substantially coplanar, and a row of aligned spaced apart indexing apertures in the first section of each of said flanges and extending through the upper surface thereof.

20 (new): A nursery tray having thicker and thinner defined zones formed from a sheet of polymer material, each of said thicker zones having an upper surface, said nursery tray having at least two rows of aligned, spaced apart indexing apertures extending through the upper surfaces of selected thicker zones of the sheet, and a plurality of rows of spaced apart open top cells located between said rows of indexing apertures, a plurality of additional spaced apart open top cells outward of said rows of indexing apertures said cells being adapted to be filled via the open tops with growing medium for plant propagation, the open tops of said cells being substantially coplanar with the upper surface of each of said thicker zones through which said indexing apertures extend.

21 (new): A nursery tray having thicker and thinner defined zones formed from a sheet of polymer material, each of said thicker zones having an upper surface, said nursery tray having at least two rows of aligned, spaced apart indexing apertures formed in thicker zones of said sheet, and a plurality of rows of spaced apart cells having substantially coplanar open tops and located between said rows of indexing apertures, said cells being adapted to be filled via the open tops with growing medium for plant propagation, said nursery tray further having a flange at each of two opposite edges, each said flange having an upper surface substantially coplanar with said open tops

and extending laterally of the nursery tray and being a said thicker zone with a said row of indexing apertures passing therethrough, the rows of indexing apertures in each of said flanges being substantially coplanar with one another and with the open tops of said cells.

22 (new): A nursery tray according to claim 21 wherein each of said flanges is joined to a downwardly extending stiffening flange, each said stiffening flange having a height less than that of said cells.